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Bryce Haas Quarry

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Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 8:54 AM

To: John Blake <jblake@utah.gov>

Cc: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Hi John,

The well is unplugged. I'm pretty sure I mentioned it early this year, but we pulled the pump with a contractor last fall and determined that the well is significantly deeper than the Water Rights well drilling reports indicate. The required closure would have been outside the scope of the work and more expensive, so we now need to prepare a bid document, it sounds like (rather than getting quotes). We are considering approving a variance from our plugging rules that would be consistent with a plugging approach that Water Rights is apparently fine with. I have more footwork to do there, and we will need to prepare a bid document. My schedule seems to be freeing up, so I will make some time to get back into it. This hasn't been on my priority list with other permitting items this spring/summer, but I think it should be, so hopefully a permanent closure could happen this early winter. It may be next spring, since I am less familiar with the bidding procedures which takes longer.

A friend and I lightly broadcast much of the site with some leftover seed from another Haas quarry that we had a contractor reclaim, and Lynn reported some pretty good vegetation coming when he stopped by a couple months ago. Attached are some photos. I haven't seen it yet. Lynn says there is more beneficial vegetation now than there was originally at least in some areas. On top, it's still pretty bare, but there is some vegetation coming there as well. I haven't seen any noxious weeds. I'll be checking on it within a month or so.

Peter

On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 10:36 AM, John Blake <jblake@utah.gov> wrote:

Peter,

What is the status of plugging the water well? Also, the reseeding does not seem to be doing very well?
Thanks

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